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REF: STATE 90359 AND 93838

1. POSSIBLE TSVETKOV VISIT. WE AGREE THAT THERE SHOULD BE A DECENT INTERVAL BETWEEN KRUSTEV AND TSVETKOV VISITS. ASSUMING KRUSTEV CAN ACCEPT SECRETARY BERGLAND'S INVITATION FOR JUNE, OCTOBER WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE TIME FOR TSVETKOV. SHOULD KRUSTEV NOT BE ABLE TO COME IN JUNE, THAT PERIOD MIGHT BE SUITABLE FOR TSVETKOV. IN THIS CONNECTION WE NOTE THAT TSVETKOV WILL BE IN NEW YORK FOR OPENING OF UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE FOR TSVETKOV TO VISIT WASHINGTON DURING THIS PERIOD, ALTHOUGH WE--AND WE IMAGINE THE GOB AS WELL--WOULD PREFER THAT HE MAKE A SEPARATE VISIT SOMEWHAT LATER. IN ANY EVENT WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF GEORGE VEST COULD SEND AN OPEN-ENDED INVITATION TO TSVETKOV NOW, WITH THE DATE OF THE VISIT TO BE AGREED ON LATER.

2. KRUSTEV PROGRAM. AS SOON AS KRUSTEV ACCEPTS BERGLAND'S INVITATION, WE WILL ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE KRUSTEV'S SPECIFIC
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INTERESTS AND PROGRAM PREFERENCES AND SEND THEM BY OPEN CHANNEL MESSAGE TO DEPT AND USDA. MEANWHILE HERE ARE OUR PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS. WE SUGGEST THAT KRUSTEV PROGRAM INCLUDE A VISIT TO ONE OR MORE OF OUR LARGEST TOBACCO MANUFACTURING PLANTS (ESPECIALLY APPROPRIATE WOULD BE PHILLIP MORRIS--MARLBORO) IN NORTH CAROLINA/VIRGINIA; A VISIT TO BELTSVILLE EXPERIMENTAL FARM; AND IF TIME PER-

WANTS A VISIT TO A MAJOR FARMING CENTER IN MIDDLE WEST TO PROVIDE BROAD LOOK AT DIVERSIFIED AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITY IN AMERICA'S BREADBASKET. SIGNING OF JOINT AGRICULTURAL STATEMENT (ASSUMING NEGOTIATIONS ARE COMPLETED IN TIME) WOULD BE HIGH POINT OF VISIT AND SHOULD INCLUDE APPROPRIATE CEREMONY AND RECEPTION. AGATTACHE CONCURS IN THESE SUGGESTIONS.

3. CHANCERY SITES. AS WE INDICATED IN SOFIA 528, WE DO NOT RECOMMEND HOLDING UP PROCESSING OF BULGARIAN LONG-TERM LEASE ON VAN NESS INTERNATIONAL CENTER LOTS TO PROVIDE POSSIBLE FUTURE LEVERAGE HERE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A SETTLEMENT OF BULGARIAN CHANCERY QUESTION IN WASHINGTON MIGHT REDUCE GOB PRESSURE FOR AN EARLY MOVE HERE. PRESENTLY THIS WOULD BE IN OUR INTEREST SINCE WE HAVE NOT BEEN SHOWN ANY SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE SITE.

4. POSSIBLE NAVY SHIP VISIT. WE AWAIT NAVY MESSAGE MENTIONED IN STATE 90359. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE FACT THAT THE NAVY IS NOT PLANNING A SHIP VISIT TO A SOVIET PORT AT THIS TIME WOULD NECESSARILY PRESENT AN INSURMOUNTABLE OBSTACLE TO THE PROPOSED VARNA VISIT IN AUGUST. WE BELIEVE THERE IS A CHANCE THAT THE GOB WILL AGREE TO THE VARNA VISIT, ESPECIALLY SINCE THERE IS THE PRECEDENT OF EARLIER US NAVY SHIP VISITS TO SOVIET PORTS. WE WANT TO TAKE SOUNDINGS WITH THE BULGARIANS HERE WELL
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IN ADVANCE, AS THEY MAY REQUIRE SOME TIME TO REACH A DECISION, SO THE SOONER WE CAN BE AUTHORIZED TO DO THAT THE BETTER.
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